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SUBJECT: ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS LEONARD FELDMAN AND
WILLIAM LEONARD

1. I WISH TO DRAW THE DEPT'S ATTENTION TO THE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF U.S. INTERESTS OF THESE TWO OUTSTANDING PROFESSORS, WHO RECENTLY DEPARTED POST. BOTH REPRESENTED THE BEST AMERICAN SCHOLARLY AND ACADEMIC TRADITIONS. EACH WAS ACUTELY SENSITIVE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND HIS ROLE IN COMMUNITY. WHILE WORKING CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY AND USIS, EACH MAINTAINED HIS OWN IDENTITY.
2. DURING FELDMAN'S TWO YEARS HE PUBLISHED ABOUT DOZEN ARTICLES IN LOCAL PRESS ON ASPECTS AMERICAN CIVILIZATION, RAN RUNNING COMMENTARY ON RADIO AT ELECTION TIME, PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF PANELS AND DELIVERED SEVERAL LECTURES AT BNC. HE MANAGED TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY ALL COMMUNITY CULTURAL EVENTS AND KNEW LARGE NUMBER CULTURAL LEADERS ON A FIRST NAME BASIS. HE FILED PERCEPTIVE AND DETAILED REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS AT END OF TOUR.
3. MRS. YVETTE FELDMAN, A PROFESSOR ON LEAVE FROM CUNY WHO HAD UNIQUE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING GROWN UP IN HAITI, DID EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON THE PERIOD OF MARINE OCCUPATION AND IN HAITIAN LITERATURE. SHE PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ON HAITIAN FICTION IN A LOCAL MAGAZINE AND SEVERAL ARTICLES IN PRESS ON AMERICAN THEATER AND HAITIAN THEATER.
4. PROFESSOR LEONARD DEVELOPED LARGE NUMBER FRIENDS IN UNUSUALLY SHORT TIME OF FIVE MONTHS. THROUGH HIS OWN MEMBER-
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SHIP IN ROTARY MADE WIDE AND CLOSE CONTACT WITH BUSINESS AND

PROFESSIONAL LEADERS. GAVE SEVERAL TALKS TO ROTARY AND ARRANGED PRESENTATION BY HIS NEW YORK ROTARY OF AIRCONDITIONING UNIT FOR ECONOMICS FACULTY LIBRARY. ORGANIZED CONTINUING ECONOMICS CLUB ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. VERY ACTIVE AT BNC DELIVERING THREE LECTURES AND ATTENDING MOST BNC FUNCTIONS. PROFESSOR LEONARD WAS ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN HAITIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE HAITIANS TO EXPLORE NEW ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES.

5. HIS WIFE, PROF. ELIZABETH LEONARD, GAVE TWO EXTREMELY WELL PREPARED AND FOREIGN-AUDIENCE-ORIENTED LECTURES ON AMERICAN EDUCATION AT BNC:

A. AMERICAN SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY: JOINT PLANNING AND MUTUAL PARTICIPATION.

B. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

6. DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER BOTH AS STAG LECTURERS IN THE FUTURE FOR CARIBBEAN OR OTHER AREAS.

7. TO THE DEPT PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN SELECTING THESE TWO FINE MEN, I WISH TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS. THESE TWO PROFESSORS WERE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD ON THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

8. PLEASE CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF FOREGOING TO BOTH PROFESSORS UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM APPROPRIATE DEPT OFFICIAL (SUGGEST ASSISTANT SECRETARY REICHARDSON).

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